

To the Port Sanitary Authority Sandwich  
Annual Report for the year 1897

Gentlemen

The number of Ships entering the Haven during the year 1897 was 168, this number is chiefly composed of regular Traders to and from Sandwich (with Coal, Corn or Maize from other English Ports) Six Foreign Cargoes were brought, these consisted of Bark from Belgium and Linseed Cake from Bremen, there were also four shiploads of Granite from the Channel Islands.

The Hometraders were inspected from time to time and all the Foreign Ships on arrival no unsanitary condition was present and no illness, accident, or death reported -

Two bodies were found in the River during the year, both of which were the subject of a Coroners Enquiry: one was that of a man living in Sandwich who during a fit fell into the River and was drowned - The other was that of a man whose name was unknown.

As stated in previous reports, water from the Public Reservoir is available & convenient for Ships requiring it.

I remain Gent<sup>l</sup>.

Your obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

John W. Harrison

M. O. Port Sanitary Authority

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1898







# Urban Sanitary District. Sandwich

## Annual Report for Year 1897

Gentlemen

I now present The Annual Report on the State of the Public Health of the Borough of Sandwich for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1897 - The Area of the District is 756 Acres and the population according to the Census of 1891 was 2794 (this number is probably only slightly exceeded at the present time) the distribution amongst the four Parishes is as follows St. Peter 1010 St. Mary 914 St. Clement 833 St. Bartholomew 37

The number of deaths from all causes was 48 four of these were the subject of Inquest or Inquiry, three found to have died a violent (Suicide or accidental death, the fourth from Natural Causes the number of deaths from disease was therefore 45 which gives a death rate of 16 per thousand

As regards Parishes 16 occurred in St. Peter 11 in St. Mary 16 St. Clement 1 in St. Bartholomew

In point of time 7 occurred in the first quarter of the year 14 in the second 8 in the third 15 in the last. The chief mortality was in the last quarter of the year as was the case in 1896.

The number of deaths during the past five years was in

1893.— 40

1894 50

1895 53

1896 38

1897 45



The number of births during the year was 78 (40 male 38 female) which gives a birth rate of 28 per thousand as compared with 32 per thousand for the year 1896 which was the highest yet reported

Number of births during the last 5 years

1893	73
1894	80
1895	71
1896	87
1897	78

The following Summary of deaths is extracted from the Registrar's list for 1897

Pyæmia	1
Bronchitis	2
Heart Disease	3
Convulsions	1
Diabetes	1
Typhoid	1
Apoplexy	4
Brain Tumor	2
Smile Decay	5
Chronic Hepatitis	2
Pneumonia	2
Dysentery	3
Spinal Disease	1
Chronic Cystitis	2



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Phtisis	2
Cancer	2
Epilepsy	1
Prematurity &c	3
Rickets	2
Delirium Tremens	2
Strangulated Hernia	1
Abscess Oesophagus	1
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Coroner's Inquiry &c	4
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During the year nine deaths occurred in Infants under twelve months 2 from diarrhoea 1 Bronchitis 1 Teething 1 Rickets 3 Debility 1 Prematurity this compares unfavorably with the number six during 1896 and is decidedly excessive. nineteen died aged 65 or over.

Six deaths were due to Diseases of the Respiratory Organs viz. 2 Bronchitis 2 Pneumonia 2 Phtisis Heart disease caused 3 deaths Cancer 2 no deaths either primarily or secondarily were reported as due to Influenza

Number of deaths between	70 and 80	11
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the latter in the Parish of St. Mary a male age ninety four years.



The death occurred in the Zymotic class of disease — a case of Typhoid in a child aged 10 who had moved into the Town seven weeks previously — the parents attributed the disease to bad smell from dogs kept in an adjoining store a few weeks previously — but nothing of the kind existed at the time the premises were inspected nor was any insanitary condition discovered, The water used was from the Public Reservoir and no other cases were reported either in the house or town at that time

During the twelve months there were sixteen cases notified of infectious disease 13 of Scarlet Fever, 1 Erysipelas 2 Typhoid, The Scarlet fever cases were present in the Town between August and November and were probably introduced into the Town from the Country (or by visitors) as it prevailed in an epidemic form in a village within two miles of the Town — Each case received the usual printed instructions and the parents were personally warned of their responsibility and no further extension of the disease appeared. One of the cases of Typhoid reported proved fatal and is mentioned above. The second case in December was very mild and no clue as to its origin was forthcoming.

A notification was also received from Southampton, of the landing of a Soldier (bound for Sandwich) who had arrived in England by the Troop "Delaware" on board



of which a man had died of Plague - the man reported remained well and has since returned to India

Influenza was present to a slight extent only during the year (chiefly during the first quarter) it more commonly appeared in a Gastric form with throat manifestations

The Customary Inspections have been made of the Slaughter Houses Pigeons, Dairies and Lodging Houses and with few exceptions satisfactory conditions have been found - The Chief complaints received by the Inspector of Nuisances arose - as usual - from defective or untrapped drains the owners of which immediately remedied the defects on application being made to them by the Inspector With the exception of seven all the houses in the Town are now supplied with water from the Public Reservoir - nine of these houses have pumps connected with the Delf and the remaining two use the water from wells upon their premises, The water from both these sources has hitherto on analysis been found fit for drinking purposes

I remain Sir

Yours Obedient Servant

Wm W. Hamilton

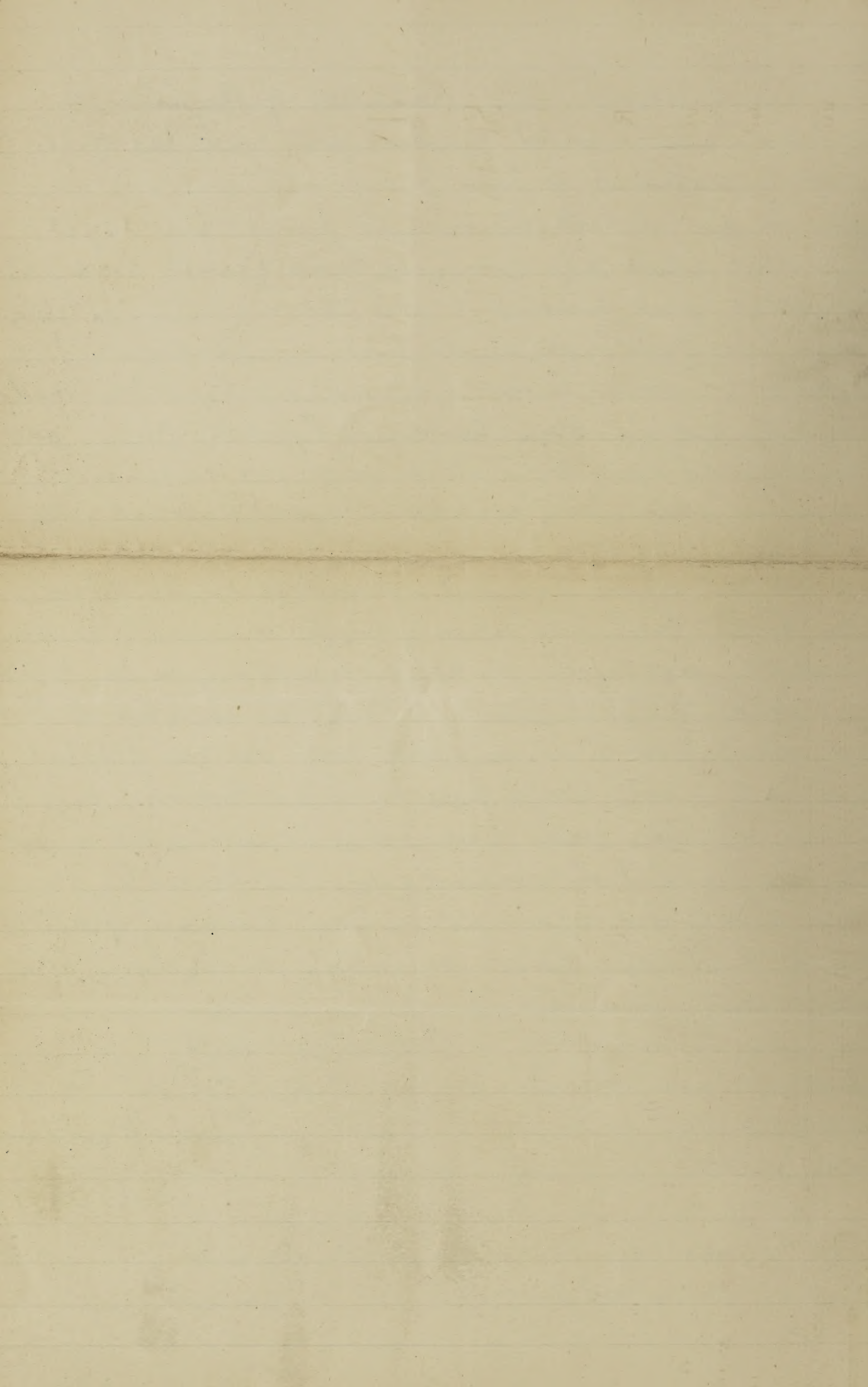
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M. O. H

Sanbury

24<sup>th</sup> July 1898







Port Sanitary Authority-  
Sandwich

17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1897

Gent<sup>l</sup>.

Together with the Urban Sanitary Report it is my duty to hand you an Annual Report of the Port Sanitary Authority which I have now the honor to submit. During the year 1896 one hundred and thirty vessels entered the Sandwich Haven. Many of these are vessels trading regularly between Sandwich and the Northern Ports (chiefly for coal) a few others came from Foreign Ports Newport in Belgium, Cherbourg, Bremen, and Guernsey. bringing cargoes of Bark, Granite, Oil Cake and Quartz. All the Foreign vessels (five in number) were inspected also the Casual ships (fifteen in number) the home-traders are from time to time examined.

In all cases the Condition of Cargo was satisfactory and the State of health of the Crew good, no illness being reported and no serious sanitary conditions discovered. No accidents occurred and with the exception of one case where a body was found when on a Coroner's Inquiry appeared to be that of Suicide no fatality of any kind is to be reported. A pure water supply is available and is now adopted by the Shipping as mentioned in last year's Report.

I remain, Gent

Yr. Obedt. Servant

J. W.

L. A. Thompson

( Port Medical Officer )



